

ALCHEMILLA PRATENSIS FOUND AT WESTFORD, MASSACHUSETTS.—Some months ago I noticed a plant at Westford, Massachusetts, which I identified as an *Alchemilla*. To be quite sure of the determination I sent a specimen to the Gray Herbarium, but even there a positive specific identification could not be made until some identical specimens from Nova Scotia had been forwarded to Dr. Buser, of Geneva, a well known specialist on the genus. Dr. Buser pronounced the plant *A. pratensis* F. W. Schmidt. I am informed that this European species has become well established and abundant in several parts of Nova Scotia, but seems not to have been noticed in New England. It is therefore suggested that its occurrence at Westford, however casual, is of sufficient interest to be recorded in order that botanical collectors may be on the outlook for other New England stations. The species was found in a neighbor's back yard, where chickens were kept, and the most natural supposition is that the seed was introduced with chicken-feed. There were in all five individuals, one large and the others apparently recent seedlings from it. Although the flowers are small and inconspicuous the species is an attractive one, and in our flora it will be pretty easily recognized by its orbicular deeply cordate and shallowly 7-9-lobed leaves. — EMILY F. FLETCHER, Westford, Massachusetts.

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